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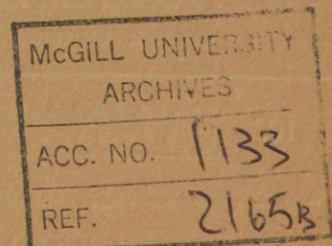
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EDITORIALS.

With this, the second issue of the FORTNIGHTLY, we are come to that part of our session when all the departments are in full swing, and we begin to feel the strain of our work.

The need of occasional social relaxation will soon be felt; and it should not be subdued by force only to recur with increased strength, but rather let us attend to it, and by satisfying it in moderation render ourselves more fit for our work and more capable of enjoying it.

Now is the time for a smoking concert or two, when our various Glee and Banjo Clubs may present their excuses for existing; and soon the snow will have rendered the roads suitable for our old-time enjoyable excursions to the Athletic Club House.

We do not, perhaps, realize that when we graduate, amongst all the cherished reminiscences that will keep our love for old McGill ever new, the dearest will be the remembrance of such evenings as these! On such occasions, when the good old songs are sung and many pranks are played, friendships are being formed whose memories will last as long as our lives.

To allow Graduates and those who still remember their college days spent at the "Varsity under the Hill" a cordial invitation is given to contribute to the columns of the FORTNIGHTLY.

Certainly no other University in the Dominion can boast such an ancient foundation, or such a large and influential roll of graduates as McGill.

In East, West, North and South the red and white is recognized and recalled by men holding responsible posi-

tions on Bench, Hospital ward, Council Chamber, in College Hall and Commercial Corporation.

A vigorous attempt is being made by the Editorial Board of the FORTNIGHTLY graduates of the University and others to get together a complete collection of the back numbers of the *University Gazette*. The idea is to have these suitably bound and presented to the library in volume form, to serve as a record of the past and also as a means of reference for present students and those who interest themselves in the growth of journalism in the University.

The scheme is, we hope, a feasible one, as such a collection would certainly prove most generally interesting as well as instructive to those who are at present carrying on the work in McGill.

No one can deny that a college is to a large extent judged by its college press, and this press will have a standard of excellence commensurate with the support it receives. Every class of Students therefore that forms an integral part of the University, that is benefited by its good name, owes a support to its press.

Nothing truer, McGill. If every man would recognize this fact, and that each one personally owes this interest and support our FORTNIGHTLY would thoroughly realize the ambitions of its promoters, and fill in a most satisfactory manner what is required of it.

Death of Dr George Ross

On the eve of our going to press we have learned with sorrow of the death of Dr. George Ross, vice-Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill. What this loss really means to the Faculty and the students of medicine it is hard to estimate. Both as a man and a physician he stood in high estimation among the citizens as among his colleagues. Though not fifty years of age, he had won a reputation that was national in extent, and ranked him among the ablest of the many able men who have added lustre to the name of McGill's Medical School. Born in 1845, he passed by rapid stages through the High School of Montreal, and the Faculty of Arts in McGill, graduating finally in Medicine in 1866. His ability as a clinical teacher was most pronounced, and his judgment as a consulting physician was greatly relied on by all his colleagues. In our next issue we shall refer at greater length to his life and work.

The Chair of Pathology.

The appointment of J. George Adami, M. A., M. D., Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, Eng., as professor of pathology in the Faculty of Medicine, will give a fresh impetus to this most important department of medical science. Professor Adami comes to us with a high record for pathological work in the great Cambridge school, and under his able direction pathology will be raised to its proper dignity in the curriculum. The many graduates of the McGill Medical Faculty in every quarter of the globe are ever watching the progress of their old "Alma Mater," with full confidence in the wisdom of its council, and this new mark of advanced teaching will call forth congratulations, not only to the Faculty of Medicine, but to the University as a whole. In a future issue we will give a brief sketch of the career of Dr. Adami.

The editors of the FORTNIGHTLY wish to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Clark Murray, who at some inconvenience to herself has caused to be fitted up for their use a section of one of the rooms under her control in the Fraser Institute.

A personal or contribution, a word of encouragement or congratulation will be always most gladly welcomed as showing that the old university life is not forgotten and that the ties of college friendship and connection are amongst those least easily broken.

To the Students of the Donalds Department.

In the last number of the MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY there appeared an excellent paper on the importance of gymnastic training for men;—what has been there so admirably urged applies with still greater force to women.

When girls are young they join with their brothers in many games, and nothing contributes more towards their healthy development; but as time goes on they must gradually withdraw themselves from this active fun, even a good romp among themselves being looked upon as unbecoming. The gradual lengthening of the skirt and tightening of the dress make such exercise difficult if not impossible, and the girl soon finds that walking is now almost the only exercise within her reach, and one which is very difficult to keep up unless a special object demand it. The inevitable results follow, the color leaves the cheek and the brightness the eye; headaches, the proof of indigestion, are too frequently present; the muscles become soft and flabby for want of exercise, and the circulation is impaired. Under such condition the brain cannot be properly fitted to carry on the heavy mental work which forms such a large part of the occupation of this time of life.

In providing for the higher education of women, McGill College has not neglected this important

matter of physical improvement. Few teachers are more thoroughly up in their subject than Miss Barnjum in that of gymnastics for girls and women. To the thorough system which was the result of her brother's long and enthusiastic study she has constantly been adding by visits to the gymnasiums of other large cities, and the greater part of last summer was spent by her at Chautauqua, where all the most modern methods were being brought forward and discussed.

Whilst urging upon all Donalds a regular attendance upon these classes, those for whom this is out of the question must also bear in mind that much may be done by themselves in their own homes. For instance—after hard reading, stand straight with the shoulders held down and back in an easy position, very slowly draw in the breath till the lungs are fully expanded, hold it thus a few seconds, and as slowly expel it, and much will be done to overcome the tendency to stooping so common among students.

In her recent Delsarte Lectures in this city, Mrs. Bishop said: "A good stretch of the entire frame is invaluable at examination time, and a yawn should never be suppressed!" Such advice, however, must be cautiously followed till the general public more fully appreciate the necessity of *mens sana in corpore sano*.

MABEL NORTON EVANS.

Longitude of Montreal.

Observations for the determination of the longitude of Montreal by direct communication with Greenwich were made during the past summer, under the superintendence of Prof. McLeod and Mr. H. H. Turner, Chief Assistant in the Royal Observatory. The cables of the Commercial Cable Co. and land lines of the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. were placed at the disposal of the University and the Astronomer Royal for the purposes of the work. Besides Greenwich and Montreal, the ends of the cable, Waterville, Ireland, and Canso, Nova Scotia, were occupied as Astronomical Stations,—thus, incidentally, the longitude of these places will also be determined.

The work was divided into four stages: In the first two, during April and May, Prof. McLeod observed on this side and Mr. Turner on the other. In the last two stages, during August and September, Mr. Turner was on this side and Prof. McLeod in England and Ireland.

We understand that this is the first longitude work in which the siphon recorder has been employed in receiving the time signals, and that very satisfactory results have been obtained.

The work of the reduction of the observations is now actively in progress.

A Bit of Autumn Color.

Centered upon a sloping crest I gazed
As one enchanted. The horizon's ring
Of billowy mountain flushed with sunseting,
Islanded me about and held me mazed

With beauty saturate. Never color blazed
 Or any mortal palette that could fling,
 Such golden glamor over everything,
 As flushed from Autumn's prison; till all was hazed,
 With opal, amber, sapphire, amethyst,
 That shimmered, mingled, dusk'd to steely blue.
 Ruptured I mused: Salvator never drew
 Its faintest semblance; Turner's pencil missed
 Such culmination; yet we count them true
 Masters. Behold what God's one touch can do!

QUEVIDO REDIVIVUS.

1759.

No song of strife or vision dear to fame
 Hath aught more beautiful and bright
 Than rings from that September night
 When down the stream Wolfe's little army came.

And he sat in the midst, all weak and pale,
 A knot of officers around
 As hushed as autumn air—no sound
 Save whispers faint—so reads the tale.

I cannot tell what dark imaginings
 Were sweeping through the hero's soul;
 Perchance he heard the battle-roll
 Of morn, the rush of the Destroyer's wings.

His heart, perchance, leapt weary leagues of sea,
 And breathed farewells to plighted bride,
 And prayed once more the ebbing tide
 Might bear him there unseen and silently.

Yet turning, eyes and cheek aglow, he spake
 The words of an immortal strain,
 Revealing the secretest vein
 Of mood heroic no surprise could shake.

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave"—
 And wreaths the poet's brow entwine
 Shall live beyond the droop of mine,
 Though triumph mark me bravest of the brave.

"Yea, though ere dawning come I scale the height,
 Ere eve, yon crowning citadel,
 To me less dear the pulse and swell
 Of Empire's vast acclaim, so might I write."

His shaft of stone looks silent to the stars,
 And near it, scarce a mile away,
 The midnight heaves a dim, low mound of gray,
 That oft beat back the surging wave of wars.

Beneath the hill the belt of river runs;
 Its flood with bars of radiance set
 Is gleaming like a jewelled coronet,
 Encircling his fair name through all the suns.

His shaft of stone looks silent to the stars,
 And near it, scarce a mile away,
 Beyond the moat, beyond the mound of gray,
 His splendid foe lies dead with glory's scars.

CHAS. E. MOYSE.

MONTREAL.

The Students at the Academy.

"Of course they were noisy and wouldn't keep still,
 And oft interrupted the play
 With a 'What's the matter with Old McGill?'
 And a deafening 'Hip! hip! hurrah!'"

Of course they were scarcely quite up to the mark,
 But what, in good faith, was the odds?
 We knew they were students and out on a lark,
 And we bore with the boys in the gods.

"And the music was—well, I'll admit that the
 score

Wasn't writ for a classical ear,
 And the words were 'We'll Never Get Drunk Any
 More,'

And 'The Son of a Gambolier';
 But we listened with manly delight to each song,
 And we answered with hearty applause,
 For their voices in unison true were and strong
 As the hearts of the boys in the gods."

That was written for a former Students' Night. But it applies very well to last Friday, with one exception: the play was not interrupted, and there was not noise except at the proper time. The order was exemplary. It seemed to be understood that such a splendid turnout and such a delightful opera were not to be marred by bad conduct. While the play was in progress we were content to enjoy it. In place of college studies and contact with the topics of the day, we were introduced for a while to a time when nature and men were young, to the light-hearted mirth of merry England and the glades of Sherwood Forest, to

"The life that is free from strife,
 Where friends are stanch and true."

We joined Robin Hood and his band,
 "Friar Tuck with quarterstaff and cowl,
 Maid Marian, fair as ivory bone,
 Scarlet and Mutch and Little John."

The whole affair was an unprecedented success, thanks to the Committee, which was composed of the following gentlemen: R. B. Hutchinson, H. M. Smith, F. M. Becket, R. A. Gunn, E. E. Howard, and O. Smith.

At seven o'clock the men were marshalled in ranks according to classes, and moved in order from the College, headed by a corps of buglers from the Royal Scots. Small boys scampered and yelled in the rear, stout men stood upon front door-steps, and ladies looked out from upper windows. One professor was seen to draw aside the curtain and look forth with complaisance upon men who could speak both languages and appreciate the plays of Molière.

We entered the theatre without a crush, and the gallery, which seats eight hundred, was fairly filled before the door was opened to the public. At 7.30 there was not standing room, and when the play commenced there was not a vacant seat in the whole house. After we were seated, the first few minutes were occupied with reiterations of the college yell, the blowing of horns, and the saluting of banners. Then commenced the programme, which was continued between the acts. After "The Son of a Gambolier," which aroused the student temper and made us all feel at home, we were favored with a harmonica solo by Mr. Wm. Robertson of the Scots, followed by some spirited selections from the bugle band. At another stage of

the programme, Mr. A. Duclos sang "The Torpedo and the Whale"; Mr. C. N. Harwood "Listen to my Tale of Woe"; Messrs. Bond, Askwith, Barns, and Howard, "Kingdom Coming"; Mr. A. R. Holden, B. A., "Alouette." Besides the choruses of these, other songs were sung in concert, all with great volume and correctness. Mr. Holden acted as leader and Mr. Nevil Evans presided at the piano.

The events of greatest interest to the boys were enacted in the second act. "Will Scarlet" added for the occasion some verses to his Tailor Song, which were enthusiastically applauded and elicited a recall and three cheers for Mr. Pearson. Miss Hamilton appeared in cap and gown. This was no anachronism; for had the present McGill existed in that early day, such a Maid Marian would decidedly have been a Donalda. (This is intended as a compliment to Miss Hamilton, not to the ladies.) Mr. Mostyn was presented with a box of choice cigars. Burton and Spenser both speak of tobacco as "divine," and Lord Lytton considered it a consolation sent from heaven. In this case, at any rate, the gift was wired direct from the gods. Soon after, the Sheriff of Nottingham appeared, smoking a cigar. Nor was this an anachronism; for, had Mr. Mostyn been sheriff of Nottingham, his eagle eye would have discovered tobacco, and the soothing cigar would have been manufactured to keep his immense brain in good working order. The next gift of the gods was a more splendid one. It was a magnificent basket of roses for the prima donna. For some minutes the students cheered, while Miss Hamilton bowed and the audience below clapped their hands.

The opera was heartily enjoyed by all, and not least by the actors themselves, who paid many compliments to the students and wore bows of the College ribbon. The students remained seated until the drop of the curtain, then rose and sang "God Save the Queen."

After the play Miss Hamilton was drawn home to the Windsor, and, a speech being demanded, she gracefully thanked the students for their ovation. They then took their way to the professors' houses. Professor Nicholson gave them a warm reception which worked up for him an enthusiastic response. Professor Moyse, in appearing, made a short speech, in the name of the professors, thanking the students for the box, and read the lines which are appended. He was lustily cheered, and to the tune of the old song, by voices now too hoarse for melody, he was proclaimed to be a jolly good fellow.

SO LONG AS BRAIN AND HEART HAVE FACULTIES.

—Shaks. Sonn.

The immortal Shakspeare in his classic page
Has somewhere said that all the world's a stage
On which we, mortals, play our varied parts
In seeking riches or in winning hearts.
And though his hand could delicately draw
Skilled Portia, pleading in a court of law,
Hortensio, in figures an adept,
Wherein nor struts nor strains as yet had crept,
Sage Holofernes with a pedant's frown
Correcting barbarous use of Latin noun—
Yet had the poet lived in later days

And roamed observant through Mount Royal's ways!
One actor new had moved his love and skill
The meek long-suffering student of McGill!
One scene had shone mid all his others fair
The playhouse when McGill has mustered there.

An Impromptu Concert.

On Saturday morning the Arts and Science Buildings were honored by a visit from two fair guests, Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Dickerson of the Robin Hood Opera Company. They were very appreciative of all that was shewn them, taking particular interest in the "dear boys" at work in the workshops, who received them with repeated cheers and songs of welcome, and of whose workmanship they carried away some beautiful samples. But the best was yet to come.

When the visiting party reached the Glee Club room in the Technical Building, the piano naturally attracted the two ladies; and more naturally their beautiful songs immediately drew all the students in the building to their side, anxious to hear more. Mrs. Hamilton's artistic rendering of "Last Night" will not be soon forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present, and the other songs were all thoroughly enjoyed. With an ovation after the concert and an enthusiastic send off at the main entrance, the students reluctantly permitted the ladies to depart.

Students Volunteer Band of the Y.W.C.A.

A series of very helpful and earnest meetings is being held on Saturdays, from 2 to 3 o'clock, when the members of the Student Volunteer Band of the Y.W.C.A. come together for study and prayer. Mr. J. Campbell White's "Lessons on the Bibles and Missions," Stalker's "Life of Christ," and, on each alternate Saturday, the life of Joseph Hardy Nusium, are the subjects at present being studied at these meetings.

Foot-Ball in the University.

Although the championship season has not yet come to a close, and little songs of triumph and hearty handshakes of congratulation cannot as yet be indulged in, still, a rough estimate of the season's work of our Foot-Ball Club can be presented and a careful forecast be made of possible and probable results.

A favorite and general statement is usually heard on all sides at the beginning of each season, from both player and non-combatant, that McGill has the "stuff" for any number of championship teams, and every year in the past a certain amount of the above mentioned superlative material has turned out for the only too short season which ensued, to carry old McGill to the front.

More than ever has this been the case during the season of 1892, and the captains of the various teams and the general committee of management have certainly worked harder and in a more unselfish manner than ever before to accomplish this result.

The formation of three teams comprising fifty men,

including reserves, and the keeping in condition of those men during a season of barely five weeks, presents difficulties which can only be properly appreciated by those who have ever seriously undertaken the task. Add to this the facts of there being only one campus for the practising of all these men, and the confliction in the hours set for lectures in the different faculties, and the problem becomes still more serious and difficult to solve.

Again, if the schedule of games in the three championship series, as published in our last issue, be consulted, it will be found that on Oct. 15th McGill had Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams playing in championship matches; on Oct. 25th both Senior and Intermediate; and on Nov. 5th, the whole three were again scheduled to play.

These teams must be picked, practised, and, what is more, practised as teams and against one another. Monday and Friday of each week must be considered as "off" days. Lectures in Science and Medicine are continued until 5 o'clock, and in Law until six every day and thus the problem becomes almost as difficult to solve as the famous "squaring of the circle."

As for days for "general practice" in order to develop new men, and other most promising material this is almost impossible though most necessary, as the percentage of good men who have already obtained places on one team or another but are obliged for various reasons to drop from the ranks, is large, and their positions have to be continually refilled.

Again, men of recognized football ability and standing, of their own accord, or compelled by circumstances, often defer practice until the various teams are formed, and even played together in championship matches. Then they make their appearance; a rearrangement of teams becomes necessary, and the management are thrown into a state of confusion which may continue during a whole season.

As soon, however, as the season opened, the committee of management got to work. Every Monday night was set aside for committee meetings. Schedules of the various matches to be played by the different teams were issued; hours for practice were published, and everything was done that could be done in the way of internal management by an efficient committee to forward football and the interests of football enthusiasts University.

General practices were established in order to enable the captains of the different teams an opportunity of forming an idea of the material which presented itself. Gradually the men sifted out, a veritable survival of the fittest, and the captains had at their disposal as fine a half century of football players as had ever donned the white jersey in the old days.

Following is a short account of matches played in the three series. On Oct. 8th, McGill met Montreal for the first time in the senior series on the College campus.

At 3.25 the teams lined out as follows:—

<i>McGill.</i>		<i>Britannia.</i>	
Donohue.....	Backs	D. C. S. Miller.	
Goulet	Half backs. }	J. Miller.	
Gaudet		E. Fry	
Mathewson.....		Drummond.	
Jacques.....	Quarter backs...	Waud.	
Rankin.....	Wings. }	W. L. Jamieson.	
Primrose.....		H. Jamieson.	
Turner.....		H. Montserat.	
MacDougall.....		V. Buchanan.	
(Captain).		(Captain).	
Guthrie	Forwards }	A. Higginson.	
Dunlop		Black.	
White		Reford.	
Lewis		Routh.	
McFarlane.....		Bell.	
Barclay.....		James.	

Touch umpires — Messrs. K. D. Young and Al. Mitchell.

The weather was all that could be desired.

The game on the whole was fast, the scrimmage showed lack of practice in taking their formation, and the wings also were uncertain in blocking tactics. The backs as a whole played steadily. Donahue being specially good at full. Montreal won by a score of 11-7; a goal, touch and 1 rouge—to a try and three rouges for McGill.

The second match in the Senior Series was played on October 15th, against Britannia, and our own grounds.

Teams lined up as follows:—

<i>McGill.</i>		<i>Britannia.</i>	
Donahue.....	back.	Tovey.	
Gaudet.....	Half backs }	A. F. Ross.	
Goulet		J. Ross.	
Mathewson.....		Hill	
Jacques	quarter.....	Stevenson (capt).	
Macdougall (capt)	Wings. }	Corbett.	
Rankin ..		Prevost.	
Primrose.....		Patterson.	
Macfarlane.....	Forwards. }	Smith.	
Whyte		Lowe.	
Johnson.....		Cameron.	
Barclay.....		Saunderson.	
Dunlop.....		Crathern.	
Tetreau		Brown.	
Guthrie.....		Grace	

Referee—Mr. Percy Barton.

This was one of the hardest fought matches of the season. Britannia won by a score of 8-5.

A touch, 2 rouges and a safety to a goal from the field and a touch in goal.

Finally, at long last, on the 29th of October came the triumph looked for, and expected by the supporters of the red and white. Hard team practice was indulged in for our final match with Montreal, and the team which lined up against Montreal (who had in the meantime won on points the honor of representing the Province against Ontario), was the strongest put forward by the University. Montreal has practically the same team as before.

It was a little after 3 when the referee, Mr. Alexander

Murphy of the Britannias, blew his whistle, and the two teams faced each other as follows:—

[Montreal goal.]			
D. C. S. Miller.			
J. Miller	Maile	W. Hagar	
	Wand		
Baird		Monsarrat	
W. Jamieson		Buchanan	
James	Higginson	Black	Bell
	Reford	Routh	
	O		
Guthrie	Yates	Dunlop	Barclay
MacDougall (Capt)		McFarlane	
Primrose		Rankin	
White	Jaques	Tetreau	
Gaudet	Mathewson	Donahue	
	Brunnelle		
[McGill goal]			

Montreal won the toss and elected to play with the wind.

The weather being very unpropitious. two halves of thirty minutes each were decided on.

The play in the first half was slightly in Montreal's favor.

In the second half McGill woke up, and a repetition of the old time rushes brought victory to the banners of old McGill.

The scrimmage worked as one man. The wings were always in the right place, and the backs did some very cool and effective kicking.

Mathewson secured a very pretty goal from the field. The score at the close stood 7-3 in our favor.

The second team have during the entire season worked with an aim and perseverance, which has finally carried them to the position of virtual champions of Quebec. Their captain, Lorne Drumm, cannot be commended too highly for the able way in which he has managed his whole team, nor the team itself for the splendid support given him.

Their first match was against Montreal. Down went the red and black by a score of 12-4.

Then came Lennoxville's turn, score 48-2.

Finally the Britannias were defeated by 15-1.

Following are the teams in this final match:—

<i>Britannia.</i>	<i>Position.</i>	<i>McGill.</i>
Prowane.....	Back	Leslie
Rankin.	Half-backs.....	Baker
Saunderson.....	"	Trenholme
Gordon	"	Lynch
Linton.....	Quarter	Shaw
Buntin.....	Wings.....	Featherstone
Ayer	"	Drumm
Garvin	"	Angus
Brown.....	"	Alley
Barry.....	Forwards	Walker
McCombe.....	"	Cowan
McRobie.....	"	Tees
Carter.....	"	Anderson
McIntosh.....	"	Turner
Stevenson.....	"	Schwartz

Last Saturday the team travelled to Quebec, but owing to an unfortunate series of accidents the match was not played.

The match has been ordered to be played over by the Union.

Standing of different clubs in the intermediate series is:—

	Win.	Lose.	To play.
McGill... ..	3	0	1
Montreal.....	2	1	0
Britannias.....	0	3	1
Quebec.....	3	0	1

The third team have beaten Montreal by a score of 21-0, and have themselves fallen victims in turn to Britannia by a score of 4-2.

There yet remain two matches to be played in the Junior Series, and McGill must have them both.

Not such a bad season, O foot-ball enthusiasts, and we shall continue to do better.

The Tug of War.

A BALLAD OF THE CLEAT, 1892.

(Parodied on the "REVENGE.")

On the campus, like a grampus when he sights a hostile whale,
Stood the Arts team, anxious, fearing lest its ancient strength
should fail;

"We're to pull with Science first! and we know they're not the
worst!"

Then out spake John Robert Dobson: "We've the biggest of all
jobs on!"

But we'll do it, never fear; they've not tried it till this year;
Half their fellows are untrained, and we know that we have
gained

On the prowess and the strength for which we were distinguish-
ed erst."

He had over a hundred students to congratulate him then,
And he went and got his dinner ere he came to pull again
With his six strong Theologians who gazed grimly on the foe.
There was courage in his eye:

"We will pull for life, and so

Gain the victory or die.

There'll be little of us left by the time we pull the Vet.

But we'll pull these Veterinaries; if the wind of fortune varies,
Here's the rope that hauls the sail, we will catch what we can get

And the teams sat down, and the shot rang out all over the
crowded field,

And his men got three-fourths of an inch in the drop, but no
more would the enemy yield;

Strain after strain, two minutes long, they clung to the rope in
toil;

Strain after strain, two minutes long, as'twere each man's mortal
coil;

Strain after strain, two minutes long, like the roots of the oak
to the soil;

And some were fagged, and some were rattled, and some couldn't
pull any more—

Books of minutes, were ever two minutes like this at McGill
before?

For he said "Pull on! Pull on!"

Though his chances were all but a wreck:

And it chanced that, when half of the minutes twain was gone,

By one great haul he determined to give them a check,

And they took in enough to win of the fatal thread,

And he himself bounded along as if he were out of his head,

And he said, "Hold on! hold on!"

CAP'N. GOUN.

History of Music in McGill.

Although music has not yet obtained a permanent footing in McGill, many efforts have been made from time to time to cultivate musical taste among the students, and to improve college singing. As far back as 1860, a philharmonic society was organized, and a professor of music appointed as conductor, but misunderstandings arose, and unfortunately the society was short lived. The conductor wanted his daughters to assist at the practices, the authorities objected, eventually the society died out. The next serious attempt to introduce music officially into the University was in connection with the "Founders Festival"—James McGill was born 6th October, 1744, hence 6th October is called Founders Day, and used to be celebrated by a Conversation or Festival, usually in the month of November, to which the friends of the University and prominent citizens were invited. When the Military were stationed in the city, "Founders' Festival" was always one of the great social events of the season—the officers took an active part in decorating the Wm. Molson Hall and corridors with evergreens and bunting. A military band played throughout the evening, and the *élite* of the city joined with professors and students to do honor to the memory of the illustrious founder. From 1865 to 1869, the students met at the house of Mr. Bayne, Registrar of the University, to rehearse college songs and choruses. The following are the programmes of two "Founders Festivals."

November 29th, 1866.

Wedding March—(Mendelssohn)—Band 25th K.O.B.
Address—(B. Chamberlain, M.A., B.C.L.)—The Chairman.
Chorus—"Alma Mater"—Students.
Overture—"Italiana in Algieri"—Band.
Address—"The Vice-Chancellor."
Oboe Solo—Cavatina from Nornin ("Rossini")—Sig. Barri-

celli.

Valse—La Mazurka (Godfrey)—Band.
Reading—John Andrew, Esq.
Chorus—"Trancidillo"—Students.
Selection—From "Traviata" (Verdi)—Band.
Address—On behalf of the University Society.
Duet—Euphonia and Cornet (Donizetti)—Band.
Reading—John Andrew, Esq.
Oboe Solo—Cavot from Lucretia Borgia (Bellini)—Sig. Barricelli.

Address—On behalf of the Undergraduates.
Air—from "Rigoletto" (Verdi)—Band.
Chorus—"Gaudeamus"—Students.
Valse—"Farewell" (Relle)—Band.
God Save the Queen—Band.

Mr. F. H. Torrington, *Pianist*.

27th November, 1868.

Overture—L'Italiana in Algieri (Rossini)—Band 60th Rifles.
Address—On behalf of University Society.
Chorus—"Gaudeamus"—Students.
Song—"McAppan," Martha (Flotow)—Mr. C. J. Geddes.
Selection—Le Pré aux clercs (Herold)—Band.
Song—The Day is done (Balfe)—A Lady Amateur.
Address—On behalf of the Students.
Song—"Vi Ravoiso," Somnambula (Bellini)—Mr. Reid Taylor.

lor.

Aria—(Beyson)—Clarinet Solo.
Song—"The Village Blacksmith" (Weiss)—Mr. C. J. Geddes.
Selection—"Martha" (Flotow)—Band.
Song—"The Menage" (Blumenthal)—Lady Amateur.

Variations—"Mary of Argyle"—Cornet Solo.
Song—"Hearts of Oak" (Boyce)—Mr. Reid Taylor.
Chorus—Students.
Valse—"Die Weiber," (Lanner)—Band.

Vivat Regina!

Mr. F. H. Torrington, *Pianist*.

In 1871-72, Dr. Harrington, an enthusiastic lover of music, and a lecturer in the University (then a bachelor, and living on Beaver Hall Hill), had the practice meetings at his own house, and acted as accompanist himself. In 1872, the Founders Festival music differed from that of previous years by the absence of students, songs and choruses, and instead, the prominence of solos. Professor Armstrong, who had recently come from England to join the Department of Applied Science, as professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, had a fine baritone voice, and contributed much to that year's entertainment.

The programme on that occasion was as follows:—

26th January, 1872.

Overture—"Zampa" (Herold)—Gruenwald's Orchestra.
Song—"Quando ate lieta" (Gounod)—Mr. Kedslie.
Quadrille—"Fest" (Jos. Strauss)—Orchestra.
Song—"Notte a Giorno" (Mozart)—Prof. Armstrong.
Medley of Scotch Airs—Orchestra.
Song—"Merry Birds" (Gumbert)—Mr. Brailey.
Overture—"Tancredi" (Rossini)—Orchestra.
Duet—"Crudel Perche" (Mozart)—Mr. Kedslie and Prof. Armstrong.
Valse—"Minee Kinder" (Jos. Strauss)—Orchestra.
Song—"Nightingale's Trill" (Gonz)—Mr. Brailey.
Selection from "La Gazza Cadra" (Rossini)—Orchestra.
Song—"Will he Come?" (Sullivan)—Prof. Armstrong.
God Save the Queen.

Dr. Harrington, *Pianist*.

In 1876, a University Glee Club was organized, the officers being: President, Dr. Harrington; Secretary, Mr. A. Taylor; Conductor, Mr. E. Houghton. A public concert was given in the Wm. Molson Hall, and the following year another was given in aid of the Montreal General Hospital; of the latter, the following was the programme:—

31th February, 1877.

Part I.

Overture—Organ and Piano "A night in Grenada" (Kreutzer)—Dr. C. F. Davies and Mr. Houghton.
Carol—"The first Nowell"—Glee Club.
Flute Solo—"Fantaisie sur un air National Russe" (Heinemeyer)—Mr. Quinones—A Student.
Glee—"Hark the Lark" (Dr. Cooke)—Glee Club.
Piano Solo—Andante Sonata, G major, opus 14 (Beethoven)—Mr. Houghton.
Carol—"Good King Wenceslas" (Traditional)—Glee Club.
Sextette—"The Cloud Capt. Towers," Stevens—Glee Club.

Part II.

Carol—"The Boar's Head" (Traditional)—Glee Club.
Duet—Organ and Piano, "Tancredi"—Dr. Davies and Mr. Houghton.
Quartette—"Integer Vetæ" (Fleming)—Glee Club.
Chorus—from "Lily of Killarney" (Benedict)—Glee Club.
Piano Solo—"Tarantelle" (Heller)—Mr. Houghton.
Carol—"The Manger Throne" (Dr. Steggat)—Glee Club.
Glee—"King Arthur" (Old English)—Glee Club.
God Save the Queen.

(To be Continued)

G. F. S.

Cristopher Columbus.

There seems in nature a sort of fatality of events, or rather a law for their unfolding, which transcends human power, and makes men agents rather than asserters of their own will. The western world was, for ages, stretching its green shores to the sea, and yearning to hold communion with civilized man. When the old world was growing full, and the energies of the nations became cramped and dwarfed, a new world opened before them, with fertile fields, inexhaustible mineral treasures, and a broad and boundless empire for the development of their energies when once conquered by the hand of industry. Columbus is the representative of an idea, and stands forth in the catalogue of the world's worthies as the leader of a great army of intellectual and industrial forces. The story of his life, therefore, is an idle pastime for a vacant hour, but a study of one of the phases of the human mind, and one of the most important eras in the history of civilization. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we call to mind the beautiful and artistic biography by Horace St. John, and testify to its merit and utility. In simple eloquence, and with a power less apparent than felt, does he recount the adventures of this prince of men, describing, with graphic beauty, his early wanderings, his first conception of the grand idea of opening a new world beyond the bourne of waters, his applications to the European courts for assistance in the enterprise, their refusal and his embitterment, his numerous trials and sufferings, begging for bread, and wandering from court to court, neglected and despised, offering to the princes of Christendom an empire more rich than the gold bearing streams of Lydia. Until at last, with nearly sixty years of sorrow heaped upon him, but with an indestructible purpose living fresh in his heart, he sailed from Palos, on Friday, the 3rd of August, 1492, under the flag of Ferdinand and his queen, to explore the unknown regions of the West.

Away, away; their hearts flushed by hope, and their eyes kindled in the expectancy of beholding the new land. Strange birds winged around them; strange fishes floated on the deep, and miles and miles of seaweed; then golden islands, storms, boisterous waves, and again a dead calm. There is a cry of land, it is the illusion of a cloud; and they push on again, and hope fills their sails. Dangers and disappointments thicken; the new land is not yet found; they are away from home, on seas where never sailed a ship before, and discontent, followed by threats of mutiny, are heard upon the ships.

Columbus feeds on his idea, and his heart is still strong; the great man may be known by his power. Columbus awes them into submission, and away they sail again. At last, when they seemed sailing to a haven of death, and the dreary sea stretched all around them, without a sign of land, new weeds floated by; a branch of thorn with berries on it, a reed, a carved staff; and they went on gaily, thanking God for his goodness during the stormy and the tranquil waters;

and with joyful hearts sang the "Vesper hymn." The day closed, the sun set, and night fell. Columbus, from the lofty poop, stretched his gaze towards the horizon, now growing dim in the thickening light.

A glimmer, as of a distant beacon, seemed to shine in the West; he called one of his company, asking him, "If he saw a light in that direction?" He said "Yes." Morning brought the blessed fulfillment. A gun fired from the "Pinla" carried on the flash the confirmation of their hopes, the intelligence that land was seen. The contrast between summer and winter is not greater than that of the verdant, fresh and fruitful shores, first revealed to the view of Columbus, with the populous, city-studded coasts now marked with the thousand features of a ripening civilization. On Friday, October 12th, 1492, early in the morning, Columbus saw the new world. A level green shore spread before him, covered with trees, luxuriantly verdant, and beautiful beyond fancy. Numbers of wild men issued from the woods to gaze upon the white-winged monsters of the sea. So was the new world won, after many toils and trials, and Columbus, the hero of this greatest of discoveries, rewarded more sweetly with satisfaction of heart than by any of the emoluments attendant on commercial enterprise.

In simple yet artistic narrative does Mr. St. John give us a well digested and carefully arrayed biography, which evinces, in its composition, an attention to traditions, journals, and old Spanish chronicles, which is not only honorable to himself, as an author, but corrective of many of the errors which have crept into the works of other biographers. Washington Irving, in his admirable work on the same subject, fixes the age of Columbus, when he first made terms with Ferdinand, at fifty-six; but Mr. St. John with great discernment cites a letter, by Columbus, to the King, dated 1501, in which he states he had been forty years at sea, and began his mariner's life at the age of fourteen, thus reducing, by a year, Irving's statement, and, at the same time, establishing the date of his birth at 1447. Such things are of importance; and it is well to note the minuteness of Mr. St. John's facts and his caution on all questions which still remain doubtful.

After various voyages to and fro, between Europe and the new hemisphere he had called into being, after the establishment of settlements, perils and hardships innumerable in the negotiations with the savages, and the harassing anxieties of commanding a dissipated band of desperadoes, he was alternately stripped of his honors and cast into prison under false charges of treason, and again released, and made the recipient of kingly and popular approbation; until at last, wearied of a life which had been chequered with innumerable wrongs, having bequeathed to Europe a blessing broader than it could appreciate, he sank into the same beggary which he knew in early life, and died broken in spirit, yet filled with piety and generosity of heart.

The summary of his character exhibits the portrait of a man equal only to a grand achievement; and

wholly unfitted for the meannesses, the petty jealousies, and the soul-chilling conventionalities of commercial cities. Boldness in the conception of an idea; courage in project; soaring thought and energy in action; charity, piety and humanity; justice, magnanimity, and unquailing bravery: these were some of the mental and moral qualities of Christopher Columbus. He was grand in the plan of his enterprises; unwearied in their prosecution. He was dignified in power; merciful in conquest; vigorous in conflict; benign to the weak and poor; magnanimous in suffering; religious and patient in distress; grateful to those served; he bore no malice toward those who wronged him. Toward the King only, who treated him with an ingratitude so base, was he ever bitter in the utterance of reproach; and, if some of his actions in the new world appear of equivocal humanity and equity, we must not, in judging of them, apply the standard of our own civilization to measure the conduct of a conqueror in the fifteenth century.

Try the actions of Columbus by the test of the times in which he lived, and it will be seen that, so far from being a cruel, an avaricious, or mean-souled man, he was pre-eminent among a barbarous people, in barbarous times, for his human and generous character.

For the enlightenment of the simple souls who believe in Friday being an unlucky day, it may be well to note, that Columbus sailed from Palos on a Friday, and on the same day of the week, just 10 weeks thereafter, he first saw land.

H. M.

A Life of Christopher Columbus, by Horace St. John.

Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus, by Washington Irving.

Life of Columbus, by Arthur Helps.

McGill Song Book.

Those of us who were here last year will remember that a committee was appointed to revise, if necessary remodel, and issue a new edition of the McGill Song Book. For some time it had been patent that the book we had—while a great stride in advance from the little "Students' Hand-book," which some of the older graduates will recall with a smile—was sadly below the needs of the present day; that beyond one or two scattered pieces, and the interest that always centres around the memory of a certain number of time-honored College ditties, there was nothing to raise it above the level of mediocrity; there was scarcely any part singing, no glees, duets, trios, quartettes; no scope offered for that passion for sweetly blended melodies, which, like the greater delicacy of tracery in the polished marble, seems to be the more refined and true in its conceptions, the more polished the rough gem of human nature be.

A book which would please both student and outsider; that would be as acceptable in the drawing room concert as in the class room song; a book that would contain the best of the old songs *plus* a lot of new ones; a book that would contain the best things in the way of part singing, etc., that could be obtained;—in short, a book that would be, so to speak, head and shoulders

above anything of the kind published, and be a credit to Old McGill—such a book it is the intention and hope of the committee to issue, and, with the sympathy, good will and hearty co operation of every student of McGill it will succeed, and not without.

With reference to the work done so far, as hinted above, the book has been divided into two parts (in one volume), Part I containing only college songs, Part II containing selections for part singing, chorus, etc. Part I has been almost finished, the Faculty songs from Medicine, Arts, Law and Donald's alone remaining to complete it. Part II has been commenced on, and already a number of pieces have been fyled, and it is just here that the committee would like to receive suggestions for the insertion of suitable glees, duets, etc. As to the nature of the changes, many old songs have been transposed to a more suitable key, many accompaniments re arranged, many choruses harmonized, and the fact that Mr. Gould, Mus. B. (who has lately been appointed Librarian), has consented to look after the musical portion of the book is sufficient guarantee of a high standard of excellence in that department. Owing to the enlarged scope of work, the committee cannot see its way clear to an issue before the spring, so that those Faculties which have not yet sent in their Faculty songs are urgently requested to do so at once, so that there may be no unnecessary delay at the last moment. Any suggestions as to music, etc., will be gladly received and noted by the various representatives of the different Faculties as below.

FACULTY.	REPRESENTATIVE.
Donald's,	Prof. Harrington, <i>Chairman</i> .
"	" Moyse, <i>Vice-Chairman</i> .
Medicine,	Mr. R. Wilson, jr., '93, <i>Secretary</i> .
"	" A. G. Nichols, '94.
Arts,	" W. Donahue, '94.
"	" F. J. Day, '94.
Science,	" N. Evans, B.A.Sc.
"	" A. R. Holden, '94 B.A.
Law,	" A. R. Hall, B.A.
"	" J. R. Cameron, B.A.
Veterinary Medicine,	Mr. Campbell.
"	" " Denny.

Y. W. C. A.

The first Theo Dora (Missionary) Meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Thursday, October 20th, at 4 p.m., the subject being "Mission Work in our large cities." It was the privilege of those present to listen to Miss Barber, of the W. C. T. U., as she told of her work among the women and girls of Montreal.

Miss Barber spoke most earnestly for a yet larger number to take upon themselves the "Pledge of the White Shield," and all that it means. Miss Lighthall, who is so active in connection with the Chinese Classes, was present, and spoke of the Jewish work in this city, referring especially to Mr. Newmark and his Mission. This address was followed by a paper on the Jewish work in New York, in charge of Mr. Warszawiak, and

then came brief reports of the Jerry McAuley Mission in New York, and of the work in Toronto.

The last few moments of the hour were devoted to items of general missionary interest, Home and Foreign.

McGill Medical Society.

The second regular meeting of this Society took place in the upper reading room of the college on Saturday evening, Oct. 22nd ult. Mr. T. A. Dewar, the president, in the chair. The attendance was good and the programme interesting. After the usual formalities, Mr. C. A. Yearwood (final year) presented a case report with differential diagnosis. A very animated and interesting discussion followed, in which many of the final men present took part. Mr. Yearwood's diagnosis was "Paralysis following Chronic Rheumatism."

Mr. Robert Wilson (final year) then read a report of a case of "Typhoid, complicating Pyæmia." On Saturday evening, November 5th, the Society met again. The regular business was taken up, after which the question of replenishing the drugs was decided, Messrs. Fry and Robertson being appointed to make the necessary replacement. A very interesting paper on "Colorado, its climate, soil and scenery," as bearing on Phthisis, was read by Mr. Haight (final year). This was a *résumé* of the reader's personal experiences and observations during some months residence in the country, and will long be remembered by those present. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Haight. Mr. Byers (3rd year) presented a case report of "Hip joint disease." It is hoped that other 3rd year men will follow this very good example. In this connection, reference may be made to the suggestion that a division of the Society into a final and a primary branch would in a great measure do away with that "indifference" spoken of by the President in his recent address. By such an arrangement, every Saturday night would find part of the Society at work. It is of course understood that this division would only apply to ordinary meetings, and not to such as are arranged for by the programme committee. The idea is certainly good, and could only be productive of excellent results if put into practice. On Saturday evening on 12th inst Prof P. T. Lafleur, M. A., will address the society, subject "Empiricism."

Undergraduates Literary Society.

The Society met on the evening of Friday, Oct. 28th, the President in the chair. No business of importance was transacted. The entertainment commenced with a reading by Mr. A. Friedlander, who displayed great dramatic talent and power. Mr. F. H. Graham followed with an essay upon a scientific subject, which he treated in a good literary style. The meeting was treated to a delightful song by Mr. Donahue. The debate was upon annexation. The speakers for annexation were Messrs. H. A. Honeyman, S. M. Munn, and W. C. Sutherland. The speeches of the first two gentlemen were effective, and after Mr. Sutherland's rapid and telling speech, the debate was clearly won

for the affirmative. Messrs. Dresser, A. Smith, and S. Archibald spoke for the negative, all most ably; and if Mr. Archibald failed to turn the decision, he certainly made a splendid attempt. If the new men continue to distinguish themselves as they have done so far, what may not our Society become. A vote of opinion was then taken with regard to the future desirable for Canada. It resulted: for Imperial Federation, 19; for independence, 6; for annexation, 5; for remaining as we are, 15.

Delta Sigma Society.

The second regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held on Thursday, October 28th, the President in the chair.

The Secretary called the roll and then followed the programme of the meeting. The debate, "Resolved that the Modern Languages should take the place of the Dead languages in an University education," was supported on the affirmative by Miss Brown and Miss Hargrave, on the negative by Miss Fairclough and Miss Macdonald. A vote of the members on the merits of the arguments used resulted in a victory for the negative by a majority of four. After a short discussion of the subject, the meeting was adjourned.

The Montreal Veterinary Medical Association.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held in the lecture room of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine on Thursday, Oct. 28th. After enrolling the new members and transacting other business. The hero of the evening appeared in the person of H. E. Denny, who for the short period of one hour held the attention of a very critical audience spell-bound. His subject was antiseptics and was dealt with in a very scientific manner. On concluding he was very highly complimented by the different professors. Mr. Lamb also reported a very instructive case that had come under his notice during the summer. Mr. Brainerd reads a paper at the next meeting Nov. 10th.

The Society for Study of Comparative Psychology.

The above Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18th.

After transacting the regular business and balloting for the new members, the annual address was delivered by Prof. Baker.

The character of the address and the able manner in which it was delivered showed that it had been the subject of considerable study, and that the writer placed considerable reliance on most of the theories, that have been advanced respecting the mental ability of the lower animals. That certain phenomena are clearly the outcome of mental processes was ably illustrated. The entire address was of such a nature as to

render any synopsis we could make inappropriate. At the next meeting Messrs Campbell and Cleavers will read papers.

Great and onerous are the duties of Dr. Bell's Third Year clinical clerk. After arraying himself in robes of white and having taken a course in aseptic bathing, chiefly confined to the hands, he strolls nonchalantly into the operating theatre, thinking himself the cynosure of every eye. He parades before the admiring gaze of his fellow-students with such an air of wisdom and unassuming confidence that he could not justly be looked on as other than the most exemplary type of the modern follower of the great and only Æsculapius. Having read his exhaustive but aimless report, he folds his arms across his breast, takes his stand in the rear of the operator, on whose transparency he depends for his view of the operation. Here his duties cease.

Library Notes.

It is pleasant to record the growth of the Library during the past three months, 472 volumes have been added: 72 by purchase, 173 by binding, and 227 by donation; amongst the latter Mr. Peter Redpath (the friend of the Library, *par excellence*) has given 110 volumes. The McGill Graduates Society, 47 volumes, and 70 volumes from various donors.

The work in the new Library is progressing rapidly, the roof is on, so that the work in the interior will be going on during the winter, and September of next year is spoken of as the date of opening. It will not only be a very handsome building, but it is said that the reading rooms will be very commodious.

In addition to the before named Mr. Macdonald has further enriched the Applied Science Library with a donation of 362 volumes.

Legal Briefs.

The Freshmen have started in at a magnificent pace. It is said they absorb every word, and close their notes in the form of a deposition, "And further deponent sayeth not."

The Third Year are less precise. The other evening "M. Le President" stayed regular proceedings in order to Examine Tr.....l's "witness." Joh.....n conducted the cross-examination.

Gentleman.—If I pick up a purse, containing money on the street, and have means of ascertaining the owner, in order to restore it to him, but fail to do so, I am as bad as a thief. In fact, gentlemen, I *am* a thief. (Hear, hear).

In a case of McDonald *vs* Topps in the Magistrates Court, on the 9th of July last before Judge Barry, a

curious question arose. The Plaintiff took a seizure before judgment on the ground that the Defendant was about to abscond from the Province and the proof he made was that Defendant had said "I will draw my pay and get to.....out of this."

The lawyer for the defence at once asked that the seizure be quashed, as there was no evidence that the region named by the Defendant as his destination was out of the Province of Quebec with the presumption all the other way.

The witness was cross-examined at length, and refused point blank to swear that the Defendant in the expression used did not mean the city of Quebec.

Judge Barry has the case *en deliberé*.

The Faculty Owl occupied a most important and responsible position at the theatre last Friday night. The Committee are now being met with the ancient but appropriate query: "Owl'd or young, what was the *price* of that bird?"

"There is a young fellow called

Who is now almost worn to the bones

He's so loaded with notes

That they fill all his coats

It's said when he reads them he groans."

The originality of the above is vouched for,

F. J. Hatchett, Law '91, who in July last successfully passed the Bar examination for admission to practice has opened an office in the Temple.

Science Jottings.

The pressure brought to bear upon him has induced R.S. to substitute trousers for his knickerbockers.

The Science Freshmen are beginning to show signs of promise. They are said to have subscribed to Theatre night expenses, more liberally than any other year in any Faculty.

The Glee Club has changed the hour of practice from Thursday to Wednesday at 5 p.m.

A warning: Let the members of the Senior Class look well to their ways. After the "most—able case of silly ignorance" on record, it would not be out of place for those dignified gentlemen to ponder over the depth of meaning contained in the expression $A = \pi r^2$; otherwise, the sound of "weeping and wailing" will be quite audible next April.

For a part of last week the wearers of the "blue and grey" were much be-"Holden" to one of their number for having obtained the promise of a special recognition of their enterprise on Theatre Night; but, alas! owing to the mulish propensity of '93, their cherished fad has yet to be realized.

Could the following in a letter picked up in the avenue have reference to the moon: "Full to-night, full last night, full eleven nights out of fifteen."

The class reporters in Science are: T. McLeod '93, C. H. Longworth '94, F. Wilkin '95, S. Bishop '96.

Arts News.

Messrs. Howard and Leroy have been elected to represent the second year on the Reading Room Committee.

In the report of the Sports, the name Sutherland should be read in place of "Bucker" in the list of the Arts tug-of-war team; and the captain was Mr. John R. Dobson, B.A.

For the excellent music with which we were furnished on the day of the sports, Mr. Wm. Bond of the third year is to be thanked, and the band of the Prince of Wales Rifles.

It is rumored that some Arts men, fond of fruit, are in the habit of going over to the Science building at lunch time to eat electric currents. This is all right so long as the power is not required to dine a mo' voracious Faculty.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the first year has Latin to Dey and French to Morin.

The Dean has come to the conclusion that the first year Science is altogether too pushing.

Prof.—"Don't put your hand on the mercury ball, that's the way Hamilton has of heating the classrooms."

A meeting of the Students of the Faculty was held with regard to the adoption of a university pin, which, we were wrongly given to understand, had been adopted by the students in Medicine. It was decided to have nothing to do with the pin in question. At the same time a general opinion was expressed, favorable to the selection of some such ornamental distinction, to be chosen by a committee representing all the students. A few dissented. Of course, it's a matter of a pin, you.

Fourth Year Man.—"And have I to grind up all that third year work again?"

—"That's what the calendar says."

F.Y.M.—"I thought we were living near the end of the 19th century."

—"Why, that's just it, my boy. We *are* living at the end of the 19th century, and it falls upon us, whose

misfortune it is to constitute this last generation to revert to the customs of those gone by. But we look forward to a change, and that's what *fin de siècle* means."

Comparative Medicine.

A. Gaudry, D.V. M. (Laval), is taking a post graduate course in this Faculty. He proposes taking a McGill degree.

Dr. Gunn (M.D., L.R.C.P.) (Eng.) has consented to conduct the annual series of Therapeutical experiments in connection with the Montreal Veterinary Medical Society, special attention to the toxic effects of the secretions of the animal body.

Professor Chas. McEachran, who recently had the misfortune to sustain a severe sprain of the knee joint while in the field at a meeting of the Montreal Hunt Club, is now able to be out and is once more at the College. The boys are all glad to have Dr. "Charlie" with them again where his genial face was greatly missed.

We are glad to say that the long talked of Reading Room has at last been fitted up in the most modern style, and can confidently state that it stands without a rival in the Dominion if not on the Continent, thanks to the indefatigable efforts put forth by the students more especially of the Second Year.

The long lost "Charlie Ross" arrived in town on Friday, in time to take in the "Cruiskeen Lawn." What's the matter with "Henry" the 1st (of his kind).

We are reliably informed that each one of the Arts and Science were presented with a card as a reward of merit for their behavior at the Academy of Music last Friday p.m., by Miss Hamilton. We are much pleased to know that they did not disgrace the time honored University. We are pleased also to know that Miss Hamilton is endeavoring to keep up the old fashioned Sunday School custom, and the Arts no doubt thought that she was a most genial sort of teacher.

Genial John Malloy, whose smiling visage is one of the pleasant objects that greet the early morning anatomy student, has at last fallen a victim to the Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-ay craze.

It is with regret that we announce the serious illness of L. Sherman Cleaves, president of the class of '94. His many friends, among the Meds and the Vets will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

"Oh, what a horrid brute!" To which we most heartily say. Amen.

This is a progressive age. The world is constantly changing. Things that were new yesterday will be old to-morrow: and the veterinary have taken to singing sacred songs.

Speaking about singing, the Vets now boast of two quartettes who vie with each other for excellence, much to the amusement of the audience and their own discomfort.

Donalda News.

Owing to the weather, the class in Geology has been obliged to forego their rambles as "collectors of fossils," not "antiquities." This is a disappointment to those who wished to become proficient in wielding the hammer.

The fourth year are indebted to the kindness of one of their number for a delightful opportunity of enjoying social intercourse free from the associations of "cap and gown."

Class "'93" have appointed a committee from their number to arrange for a "class pin." Suggestions are in order.

The "Donaldas" appreciate the thoughtfulness which supplied them with Programme and Souvenir of Theatre night. Those who attended feel that the students may "gloat" over their success.

Yes, we all did "Warner," but she said she was not afraid of an honor science course, so long as she had a Derrick to help her. Neither was she afraid of any shoals "Tatley" to "Lee" ward.

The Reading Room is appearing in better colors, thanks to the exertions of the present committee. Improvement is still to be looked for in the matter of Magazines. Members must adhere to the rule, that no book or paper can be carried from the room.

An organ has been hired on advantageous terms by the Y.W.C.A., and stands in the second year classroom. Music is a pleasant addition to the meetings of the Society.

Musical boxes are much appreciated on the avenue.

JUNIORS AFTER SNOW-STORM.

Cause.—They had forgotten to calculate the extra time required for a body to be moved up a gradient from which friction had been removed to a great extent.

Effect.—Reprimanded for being late.
November 2nd, 10 a m.

Prof.—"The tympanic membrane of the two ears did not vibrate in unison, and consequently music was a perfect torture to him."

Soph.—But, professor, if some one played an awful discord would he hear it as a harmony?

What are our Sophomores coming to? One of their number actually announced to a professor lately, that she had been looking at "that ladd" without any satisfactory result being obtained.

Medical Class Reports.

There was a grand old time in the Upper Lecture room on Friday. Two very momentous questions had to be decided: I. Was a Faculty or University Dinner to be held this year? II. If a Faculty Dinner were decided upon, who was to preside? The room was as thickly packed as a "Tangle-foot fly-catcher" in the middle of August. First Year men modestly stood on the back-seats, and exercised that peculiar function for which they are celebrated—their voices would have drowned half-a-dozen German bands rolled into one. Order, however, was restored when Mr. Bostwick stepped forward and explained the object of the meeting. The proceedings having been duly opened, Mr. Fry proposed a University Dinner. Then was Pandemonium let loose, and everybody but the proposer, seconder and another supporter of the motion yelled until the very panes rattled with excitement. Mr. Walker with much emotion declared that everything would end in "a fizzle" if a Faculty dinner were not held—so a vote was taken. The hands that went up in favor of the motion might have been counted on the fingers. "What's the matter with a University dinner?" demanded someone, and the whispering answer came, "Oh, its all *Wright!*" Then came the question of President. Mr. Johnstone, 2nd year, proposed Mr. Jamieson, 4th year. Mr. Deeks proposed Mr. Flemming. He said Mr. Flemming had an imposing appearance (which he has), that he ate well (this statement was greeted with tremendous cheering)—in fact he was his ideal president. Then up jumped Mr. Robt. Wilson, jun., and his remarks resulted in a little playful badinage between himself and Mr. Deeks, which was hugely appreciated by the assembled students. All this time Mr. Henderson (4th year) was nervously looking at his watch; and at last, moved by an irresistible desire to absorb more knowledge, pathetically exhorted those present to remember that Dr. Lafleur was waiting to lecture. Then he sat down, looking like a gentleman at the stake as represented in Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*. So a vote was at once taken. It resulted at follows:—

Mr. Flemming.....	142
Mr. Jamieson.....	119

Majority for Mr. Flemming..... 23

And Mr. Henderson gathered up his note-books and "scoted."

Messrs. Mathewson and Stearns have been elected to the Dinner Committee from the Third Year.

We heartily welcome to the Third Year Messrs. A. R. Colvin of Trinity and Jas. Reeves of 'Varsity, whose presence among us helps to fill some of the gaps caused by the weeding out of March last.

Dies Irae, Dies Illa

(of the Freshman's first term postponed.)

T'was on a Monday morning
The sun shone bright and clear,
But to the anxious Freshman
The day was dark and drear.

The awful thought came o'er him
And it bowed him in distress,
Whether Frankie would grind fast enough
To get to letter "S."

* * * * *

Frankie quizzed his wretched victims
And with "R" was almost o'er,
When Cook, good angel, rang his bell,
T'was peace for seven days more.

Messrs. Fox and Frazer have been elected to the Dinner Committee from the Second Year.

Some one has remarked on the honesty of the men who frequent the dissecting room this year. A Freshman whose rubbers had been lying around for half a day, found them without application to "Cook." Wonders will never cease at McGill.

The annual football match between the Freshmen and Second Year resulted in a victory for the latter. Score 10 to 0.

The following was the result of the meeting in first year, for election of officers:—President, F. J. Lee; Vice-President, Tom Tetreau; Secretary, L. Draper; Class Reporter, W. T. Scott. Messrs. D. D. McTaggart and T. B. Ferguson were elected to the Dinner Committee.

The successful candidates at the recent supplementals have been shaking hands vigorously. Dr. Girdwood's question on static and motor electricity shows that the worthy professor intends his class to keep pace with the times.

"Bill Crisp" sends me the following. I have been compelled to make some very extensive alterations in the verses; and if "Bill Crisp" aspires to the vacant Laureateship he must really be a little more careful in regard to rhythm and metre:—

I saw it but a moment—
That crisp one-dollar bill—
And thoughts of pipe and 'baccy
My mind began to fill.

When lo! the sports collector,
In his charming, easy way,
Talked over foot-ball, cricket,
And other forms of play.
He urged me to endeavor
To exercise my skill,
And ended with the question,
"Have you a dollar-bill?"

I saw it but a moment—
That crisp one-dollar bill—
Whose presence is a passport
To all that's good and ill—
But ah! the Class Reporter
Observes me in the Hall—
(For Class-Reporters, mark you,
Are noted for their gall)—
Says he, "What interest have you
In journals at McGill?"
And takes with an angelic smile
That crisp one-dollar bill!

I saw it but a moment—
That crisp one-dollar bill—
And though it has for ever gone,
I love and mourn it still.
But Cook was such a friend to me,
Matriculation day,
He talked like some philosopher
In a paternal way.
He spoke of fame, of shining lights—
He made my bosom thrill,—
So thanking him I disinterred
That crisp one-dollar bill!

It is strange that the *St. Johns' News*, through its correspondents, should every now and then attack McGill College students. These attacks are altogether unwarrantable. "Dorchester" complains of the students marching out once a year, and blames the police for not dispersing their "mobs." "Dorchester" is evidently a person with narrow-minded views, who is utterly unacquainted with the usual conduct of students in University cities, and fails to recognize the truth conveyed in the couplet:—

A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men.

A march out once a year should be a source of pleasure to the people of Montreal, reminding them that they dwell in a city which can boast of the finest University on the continent.

Messrs. McLennan and Du Vernet were elected on Monday to represent the Fourth Year Medicine on the Dinner Committee.

The Victoria Armory presented a most brilliant scene on the evening of Nov. 1st when the graduates and nurses of the M. G. H. received their guests at their annual "At Home." The dresses of the ladies, the music, flowers and general arrangements all combined to make a perfect and charming spectacle.

My Report.

In accordance with my instructions from the McGill Revolutionary Club, I wended my way up the avenue strewn with fallen leaves, a reminder of our fleeting existence on this terrestrial globe, or the devastating regardlessness of the Faculty at Christmas and in April—debating within myself which Professor I should first address. The object of my enquiry was to obtain the views of the different members of the Faculty as to the advisability of having Convocation three days earlier in the session, namely, on the twenty-seventh instead of the thirtieth of April. The subject was well debated at our Revolutionary Meetings, I mean of course the meetings of the McG. R. C., and, as I intimated before, I was appointed to interview the Professors. Sir W m was away, but I knew what his answer would be. He would rise on my entry, ask me to be seated, and listen to my explanations with a friendly smile. He would say, that so long as he remained Principal he would be glad if we would leave things as they are. And then I should be bowed politely out, and should come away with the feeling that it was useless to go further, for Sir William had given his final answer.

As the Dean of the Faculty, I first approached Dr. J.....n. When I entered his room I was greeted with:—"Where is your gown, sir?" "But, Doctor, I only—" began I. "Can't hear you, hum, hem!!! Must have a gown, ahem-m!" When I returned clad in academical costume I was most affably received, and stated my mission without interruption.

"Ahem, hum! as I said some time ago to Mr. Pagnuelo, a third of a whale is more than the half of a herring, hem! And if necessary we might reduce the required per cent. to twenty-five, but as for other changes—impossible. At Dublin, besides learning that 'Poi' equals 3.14159, we learned respect for existing things. That will do, sir, hem!"

I found Dr. C.....sh in a great state of excitement, sending poor Hamilton on what seemed a fruitless search into every corner.

"Don't interrupt me now, please! Hamilton has lost my card, and the students are waiting for Prayers. As Cicero would remark '*Nescio quo ire*,' but I am of the opinion it would be better '*Ubi ire Nescio*,' or in Greek *που ης εφελμι*. Come to me after Prayers." At this juncture Hamilton came in with the card, and the Doctor rushed off to No. 1 class room.

Before going to Dr. D...y's room I referred to my "D...y's Phrase Book" and learned off: "Bon-jour, Monsieur le Docteur, comment vous portez-vous aujourd'hui?" of which I delivered myself with well-feigned ease. His opinion as to the proposed change was very conservative. Said he: "The devil-up-ment of McGill during the thirty odd years of my professorship has been continuous and marked. *Un tel pas* as you suggest would be to retrograde. All *les Ecrivains Modernes* agree with me that the progress of

any institution should not be retarded by any such movements."

Dr. M.....y had just finished one of his eloquent lectures on Moral Philosophy, and discovered in my quest a subject for Psychological enquiry. "Even had your movement," he remarked, "the plea of Utilitarianism, which it has not, it could be easily refuted. For the Utilitarian Theory of moral life suggests four questions:—(1) Does the allegation that men desire pleasure above all things accord with the facts of experience, etc., etc. But it is unnecessary for me to proceed, this is all in my Introduction to Ethics, which will lead you to a better mind if you peruse it carefully. What is matter? never mind, etc."

As I mounted the stairs to Dr. E.....n's sanctum I had unpleasant memories of vain efforts to distinguish between the uses of *μν* and *ον* and when to use imperfect subjunctive and when the pluperfect indicative. In answer to my question he said: "The students of McGill, I fear, do not rightly appreciate the pathos of Virgil and Homer. Can anything be more pathetic than Hector's farewell to Andromache, or Æneas' lamentations over the fate of his friends. That you want a shorter session is but another proof that none of you can enjoy those moving scenes. Just listen to this," and picking up a Virgil Dr. E.....n read in a voice full of feeling: "*Tum membra toro*," etc..... "*Pars ingenti subjecere feretro triste ministerium, et subjectam, more parentum aversi tendere facem*."

I rose to the occasion, and with tear-dimmed eyes and heaving breast I withdrew.

Dr. H.....ton was watching John sweep up the glass with which the floor was covered, owing to some unexpected explosion of ill-smelling gases. He replied that he would like to be with the students, but that since the Song Book was not yet out he did not see how it could be done this year at least.

When I spoke to Mr. L.....r, he said: "Unless the students find my lectures on *Mill* too much of a *grind*, I see no reason why the session should be shortened. Let us treat the question logically. First, either you are right and I am wrong or I am right and you are wrong. Now, secondly, all who think as I do think right. I think as I do. Therefore I am right (Barbara). You see how simple the question becomes when reduced to syllogistic exactness."

The replies were such as to lead me to the conclusion that it would be unwise to carry the matter any further, accordingly I reported to the aforesaid Club the result of my labors. The same evening the following resolution was proposed and carried:—

"That in the opinion of the members of this Club it would be most unwise to alter any of the existing institutions of this University;

"That the name of this Club be changed from Revolutionary to Conservo-Antiquarian;

"That the Secretary be instructed to forward to the Faculty a copy of these resolutions with a few lines expressive of our commendation of their desire to protect our ancient usages."

PERSONALS.

E. A. Mackenzie, B.A. '91, is editor-in-chief of the *Presbyterian College Journal*.

Rev. George Smith, B.A. '86, has returned to take a post-graduate.

Miss Grace Ritchie, B.A. (McGill) '88, M.D. Bishop's College '91, has opened an office in Mackay street. There are now four ladies practising Medicine in the city.

Miss J. V. Palmer, B.A. '88, has been appointed teacher of German in the Girls' High School, Montreal.

Miss M. Murphy, B.A. '88, is attending the Philosophy Lectures in Cornell University.

T. B. Pote, D.V.S. (Class of '92), is located at Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and is reported doing well.

Dr. R. J. Chipman (Class '92), a general favorite in his college days, is now doing a good practice at Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Tatley (late house surgeon Montreal General Hospital), writes us from Edinburgh, where he has recently passed with credit the first of the triple examinations.

Mr. Don. Armour, of Toronto University, passed through town a short time ago. His reminiscences of Montreal are always pleasant.

Dr. James Henderson, of the Montreal General Hospital confined to his room, through typhoid. His brother house surgeons wait upon him in turn during the night.

Dr. R. Hugh Berwick (Class '91) is, we regret to say, prostrated with pleurisy.

Dr. E. A. Grafton (Class '92) is again in the city, having just returned from England.

Dr. A. Dewar (Class '90) is, now practising at Cookshire, Que.

Dr. Patterson (Class '92) is, we understand, successfully passing examinations in Scotland.

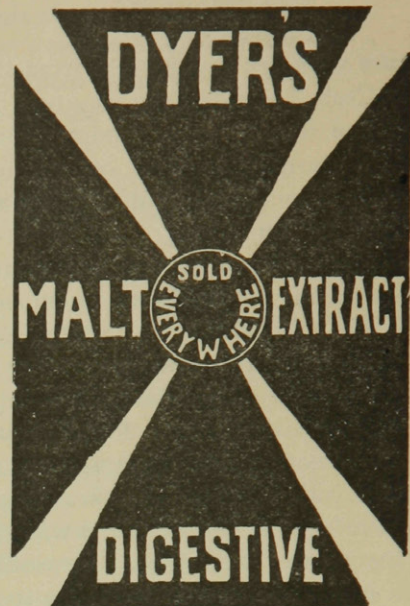
Dr. F. W. A. Brown (Class '92) was in Montreal last week.

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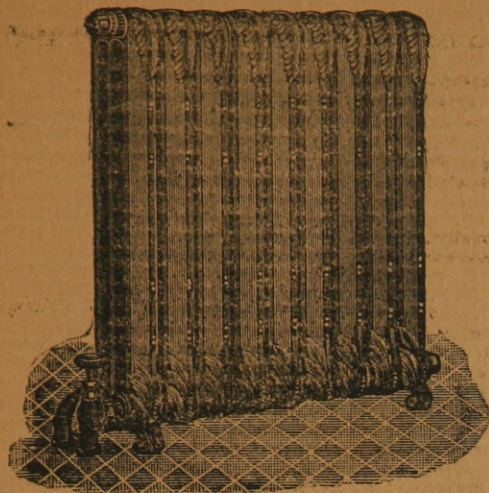
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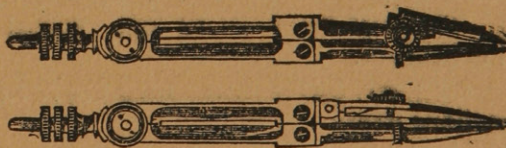
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